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## SETTLERS GET HAKALAU LANDS

**Basis of Agreement Is  
Reached With the  
Hilo Men.**

Twenty-five acres of cane land, and approximately two acres for a house lot, the Portuguese Settlement Association formed to take up the Hakalau lands, on Hawaii, have agreed to accept at the hands of the Territorial authorities, with the reserved right to apply for a lease of lands above the cane belt and below the forest line for pasture lands.

This agreement was reached at a conference held yesterday afternoon in the Governor's office, and lasting several hours. There were present Acting Governor Atkinson and Land Commissioner Pratt, for the Territory, and Attorney Ferry of Hilo and Wm. Fernandez of the same place for the three settlement associations, namely the Azores, Lohan and Fernandez. The representative of the associations expressed themselves finally as perfectly satisfied with the agreement reached. Thus one more long step has been reached in the actual settlement of the public lands of Hawaii by men who will go to live in and eventually to own their own homes.

The conference was the final one of several. Messrs. Ferry and Fernandez having been in consultation with Commissioner Pratt on Saturday and in the forenoon of yesterday, but without having reached a conclusion. The settlement associations, in fact, at first wanted one hundred acres of cane land for each settler. This, however, was known to be out of the question, and the settlers themselves admitted that they did not expect to get so much when they asked for it.

### BONA FIDE SETTLERS.

The amount of cane land in the Territory is limited, and while the lands now under lease will be thrown open to settlement as fast as the leases expire, it is not and will not be the policy of the government to permit anybody to get more than his share of the lands—his fair share.

And settlers must be bona fide dwellers on and tillers of the soil. If they get cane land, there must be a likelihood that they will keep it in cane, and not lessen the productive area. If they do lessen it, the Territorial income will be cut down by that much, and realizations from taxes will be decreased.

Understanding these questions, the Hilo gentlemen opened their conference with the Governor and the Land Commissioner. Attorney Ferry stated that the associations proposed to work the lands to be awarded them as a hui, cultivating the cane lands in one body and on a plan of cooperation and dwelling in a village to be located on a separate tract from the plantation lands.

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## PREPARATIONS FOR COMING ELECTION

**New Precincts Are Laid  
Out on Kauai and  
Niihau.**

After several days of hard work, Acting Governor Atkinson has perfected the changes in the Sixth Representative District, which embraces the Islands of Kauai and Niihau. In the meantime, and in the other islands, there is much work to be done, and the calling of conventions, and the nomination of candidates, draws on apace.

The changes in the election precincts has been necessitated by the passage of the county act, and by the need for re-adjusting the boundaries growing out of the changes in the bases of population. The party leaders throughout the Territory, although some of them have responded to the request of the officials for suggestions for changes in order to come as close as possible to the desired base of 250 or 300 voters to each precinct, have not responded as quickly nor as fully as has been desired. And yet it is important to have the changes perfected, in order that each voter may know at the earliest possible time where he is to cast his vote—and be given the chance to do it.

This coming election will be the biggest, in the number of candidates, voted for, that has ever been held in the Territory and in some respects the most complicated. In Honolulu, for instance, there will be sixty candidates on the regular tickets, to say nothing of outsiders. In the first place, there will be thirty candidates for county offices. Then there will be three candidates for Delegate, nine candidates for Senator, and eighteen candidates for Representative. And nobody knows how many independent candidates there will be, nor how much crossing of tickets will grow out of possible fusion movements. The sixty candidates merely allows for the three parties in the field.

### ROBERTSON'S PLAN.

In the Fourth District of Honolulu, however, Chairman Robertson of the Territorial Committee of the Republicans, is ready with his suggestions for changes of precinct boundaries. The basis to which he has brought the district will undoubtedly give each voter a chance to cast his ballot, the apportionment being approximately 250 voters to a precinct, and will in all likelihood be adopted. There has been no change of these precincts in four years.

The Island of Maui is to be taken up next by Governor Atkinson. In this, the Third Representative District, there have been various recommendations for precinct changes received from Republicans, but none from either Democrats or Home Rulers.

After Maui is disposed of, Hawaii will be taken up. In the First district, some changes will have to be made in Olaa precinct, caused by the County Act. Some changes have also been suggested in the Second Representative District on the big island. It is desired, however, to have any suggestions that are to be submitted as to changes forwarded to the Secretary's office as early as possible.

In the reapportionment that has been arranged for Kauai and Niihau, there have been several changes. The old Fourth precinct, for instance, has been made into two, a new Fourth and Fifth.

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## SHONTS IS AGAIN NAMED TO CONTROL PANAMA RAILROAD

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

NEW YORK, April 3.—Shonts has been reelected President of the Panama railroad.



THEODORE P. SHONTS.

Theo. P. Shonts, President of the Maple Leaf railway, was first chosen President of the Panama Railway company a year ago. He has found the position rather a difficult one, the more trying because the railway is a government concern and the necessity arose for using it first in the interest of the government and the breaking of its traffic agreement with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. This led to a congestion of traffic on the isthmus which subjected the administration of railroad affairs there to some rather harsh criticism. Mr. Shonts, also, was at odds with Secretary Taft for a time, was subjected to some severe strictures in Congress, and lastly considerable fault was found with him because he refused to resign his presidency of a railway in the States and devote himself altogether to the Panama road. Apparently, he has triumphed over his critics and his enemies both.

## POND AFTER GAY RANCH

**Executors Petition for  
Leave to Lease  
It to Him**

Percy M. Pond, if judicial sanction by the parties of the other part be obtained, is going to take a fifteen-year lease of the well-known Gay ranch at Waiwala.

The rental he offers is \$1750 a year and he will agree to purchase all of the livestock now running at large on the ranch, the price thereof to be fixed by arbitration.

H. Foeke and Cecil Brown, executors and trustees of the estate of the late James Gay, have petitioned the probate court for leave to lease the ranch as above stated. They state that the income and the expenses of the ranch have been about even. Mention is made, as in all of their annual reports for some years, of the everlasting battle with lantana upon the range.

Mr. Pond, the intending lessee, has for two or three years past been operating a dairy farm at Waikiki with thoroughbred stock.

The Kihei Gun Club last week completed one of its handicaps that has been running for two weeks. The prize being a handsome silver cup, every member in the club was out to win and the result was as pretty and exciting a race as has ever been pulled off on the club grounds. It was shot for at 50 targets under a special handicap, and up to the last four rounds was any one's for the win. Then M. J. Moura took a lead and was conceded to be the winner. However, the last round again changed the score and the final result was a tie between M. J. Moura and W. A. Smith as high guns. The tie will be shot off next Sunday at the regular practice shoot.

One of the best shots in the Kihei Club is Miss Scott.

## DUPLEX THE WHOLE WAY

**Capacity of the Cable  
Will Thus Be  
Doubled.**

By the end of April the Pacific Commercial Cable company expects to send messages entirely through its own cables in the Pacific ocean from San Francisco to Shanghai and Japan via Honolulu, Midway and Guam. A steamer is now laying a cable from Guam to Japan and another is to be laid later on between Manila and Shanghai.

The entire system is to be duplexed. That is, messages can be sent both ways through a single cable at the same time. For example while a message is being sent to Honolulu from San Francisco, a message can be sent from Honolulu to San Francisco. There is already a duplex system in vogue between Honolulu and San Francisco and shortly the line between Honolulu and Midway will be similarly equipped.

And one of the marvels of cable operation is the "human relay." In explanation of this it may be stated as a fact that although there are three stations between San Francisco and Manila yet a message sent from San Francisco to Manila reaches the latter office as quickly as it does Honolulu.

When a message for Manila is sent from San Francisco it is recorded on a moving tape at the Honolulu office. The cable operator here, instead of copying or transcribing it into words on the blanks usual for such purposes merely sits at the desk and as the tape and its cabalistic meanderings comes into his vision he operates the key which sends the same message on to Midway. The operators at Midway and Guam are likewise following this plan, the result being that the last word of the message reaches Manila as soon as the cable operator at San Francisco has finished sending. This plan saves the cable company considerable time and trouble and the message is not lost off the boards at one fell swoop.

## SUM GIVEN FOR IMPROVING THE NAVAL STATION

**The Senate Committee on Appropriations Reports an Item of Thirty-five Thousand Dollars for the Purpose.**

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

WASHINGTON, April 3.—The Senate committee on appropriations has reported an item of \$35,000 for the improvement of Honolulu Naval Station.

The afternoon cables stated that assurance had been given that an item of \$65,000 would be inserted by the Senate committee in the deficiency bill for filling in the reef at the Honolulu Naval Station. The cablegram above probably refers to the same thing, namely the filling in of the naval reservation beyond the present sea wall as a site for a battery on the extension of Kakaako Point. It has been claimed heretofore that \$35,000 would be sufficient for this work.

## CHICAGO TO VOTE ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

CHICAGO, April 3.—The question of the municipal ownership of the street railways of the city will be submitted to an election tomorrow. The proposition involves properties worth seventy-five millions of dollars.

For several years past Chicago has been agitating the purchase of the street railways of that city by the municipality, the agitation culminating in the election of a mayor pledged to secure municipal ownership. This official, Mayor Dunne, has not found it quite so easy to keep his pledge as it had seemed from the outside, with the holdover members of the Board of Aldermen opposed to the plan, actively, or indifferent on the subject. The Mayor, however, has persisted, and the matter goes to the people.

If the proposition carries, the railroads will be paid for in certificates issued under a state law passed especially to meet this contingency—or any similar one. It is known as the Muller Law, and the certificates are called Muller certificates. There is a possibility that dates have been confused in the cable, and that this election will be held today.

## HIGGINS DEALS BODY BLOW TO BIG INSURANCE COMBINE

NEW YORK, April 3.—Governor Higgins has signed the bill postponing the elections of the big insurance companies, and invalidating the proxies already given.

This is a measure in line with the insurance reforms that have been undertaken following the revelations of mismanagement of the big life insurance concerns. It has been felt, after what has been shown of the milking of insurance company funds by speculators, politicians and grafters generally, that there was need for putting new men in control.

The difficulty has presented itself, however, that proxies had already been given to the old ring managers. To overcome this, it was necessary to postpone the elections and invalidate proxies already given so that the reformers might get a grasp upon the situation.

The bill just signed by Governor Higgins will legislate out of office on November 15 next all the directors and trustees of the New York Life and Mutual insurance companies, and nullifies all proxies heretofore secured by the companies themselves and by Thomas W. Lawson. Proxies to be voted in the elections of November 15, to be valid.



GOVERNOR HIGGINS OF NEW YORK.

## CONSTITUTIONAL DEMOCRATS TRIUMPHANT IN RUSSIA

ST. PETERSBURG, April 3.—A sweeping victory for the Constitutional Democrats in the Douma elections is conceded. No disorder attended the voting.

If anything can be predicted from the outside of Russian political conditions and the standing of parties there, this would seem to be rather a triumph for De Witte than for anybody else. And De Witte has resigned his position as the head of the Cabinet. The success of the Constitutional Democrats, at all events, will be a blow both to the reactionaries, and to the extreme revolutionary party, and both these factions, as far apart as the poles in everything else, appeared to be united in a common desire to make the position of the great statesman finally driven into private life as difficult as possible.

The Constitutional Democrats will probably try to follow the lines laid down by De Witte. Whether they will be able to do this, of course, remains to be seen. The world is prepared for anything, in Russia.

## RELIEF FOR FAMINE SUFFERERS.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Japanese Famine Relief Committee has accepted Herriman's offer to transport two thousand tons of relief freight free.

## HEAD OF THE AMERICAN- HAWAIIAN CO. MAY COME

**The Local Steamship Committee May Request  
President Dearborn to Discuss  
Steamships in Honolulu.**

A meeting of the committee which is looking after the local steamship proposition was held yesterday afternoon. The committee had nothing to give out as a result of its deliberations, the discussion being mainly covering points which are to be straightened out at this end in the negotiations with mainland concerns.

It is known, however, that a request will issue from the committee, to George B. Dearborn, president of the Ameri-

can-Hawaiian Steamship Company, who has headquarters in New York, to come to Honolulu to talk the whole matter over. A little while ago it was stated that a local steamship could be operated by the American-Hawaiian Steamship Co., the merchants here to engage to furnish the vessel with cargo.

Some time ago it was stated in print that the American-Hawaiian wanted a large cash subsidy besides freight contracts. This is said to have made a hitch.